

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT AND REMARKS

Applicant notes Examiner's comments with regard to the election of groups in which Applicant elected, with traverse, the claims of Group I (claims 1-41). Claims 42-56 have been withdrawn. Applicant therefore believes that the election with regards to Group I and arguments presented in the response and election made on January 4, 2006 do not need to be restated herein. Applicant maintains the position taken with regards to the election of Group I as submitted on January 4, 2006. Applicant further believes that, having elected with traverse, should a generic claim be found to be patentable, the remaining claims to Groups II and III may be eligible for rejoinder.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for his understanding regarding the error made with regard to election of species where multiple groups are specified. Further, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the emphasis added to the text of this second election requirement which he believed would be helpful to Applicant.

With regard to the election of Species requirement, Applicant elects, with traverse, the following species from each of the seven identified Species Groups with respect to the identified claims:

Species Group I (capping fluids):	synthetically cracked hydrocarbons; Claims 11, 12, 30 and 31
Species Group II (corrosion inhibitors):	fatty acid amides; Claims 13 and 32
Species Group III (scale inhibitors):	phosphonate; Claims 17 and 36
Species Group IV (salt inhibitors):	non-ionic surfactants; Claims 20 and 37
Species Group V (oxygen scavengers):	alkali metal bisulphites; Claims 23 and 38

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Species Group VI (de/non-emulsifiers): alkyl polyol;

Claim 27

Species Group VII (biocides):

phosphonium sulphates;

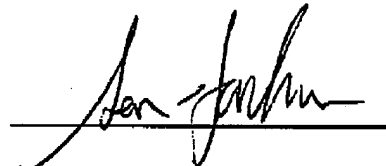
Claims 25 and 40

Applicant notes that should a generic claim be found to be patentable, the remaining species within the species groups may be eligible for rejoinder.

Respectfully submitted,

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